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TAGS: EWWT, IV

SUBJECT: IVORY COAST CUSTOMS FINES

REF: STATE 155003

1. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED AGENTS AND CLAIMS DEPARTMENTS FOR U.S. LINES IN IVORY COAST: TRANSAFRIC (AGENT) AND DELMAS (CLAIMS) FOR DELTA LINES AND MOBIL OIL; UMARCO (AGENTS) AND SOAEM (CLAIMS) FOR FARRELL LINES.

2. ALL CONCERNED STRESSED FACT THAT FINES AGAINST U.S. LINES ARE NON-DISCRIMINATORY; INDEED, EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE SHIPS ARE OFTEN FINED MORE HEAVILY.

3. SINCE JANUARY, 1974, DELTA HAS INCURRED NINE CUSTOMS FINES AMOUNTING TO 495,000 CFAF (U.S. DOLLARS 2,250.00). SEVEN FINES FOR LATE MANIFEST, ONE SHORTLANDED AND ONE FOR OVERLANDED. MOBIL (OIL SHIPPER) HAS INCURRED NO FINES.

4. FARRELL LINES FINES ARE MUCH HEAVIER. SEVEN INFRACTIONS, INCLUDING SIX SHORTLANDED

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AND ONE OVERLANDED, SINCE JANUARY, 1975.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF 8,397,012 CFAF (U.S. DOLLARS
41,000.00).

5. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO RECENT INSTANCE WHEN
U.S. SHIP HAS BEEN EXCESSIVELY FINED OR IN
DISCRIMINATORY MANNER. IF MARITIME COMMISSION
HAS EVIDENCE TO CONTRARY, PLEASE INFORM.

6. FURTHER DETAILS FOLLOW IN AIRGRAM.
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